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### LINCOLN COUNTY.

Lincoln County was, until a recent period, a *terra incognita*. Her inaccessibility obscured her resources, and the 'Lincoln County War,' rendered life and property insecure. Pat Garrett became sheriff in 1880, on a square platform of law and order, as against anarchy and violence. He justified the confidence of the people, by exterminating "Billy the Kid," and his gang, and maintaining with a firm hand, the supremacy of the law during his term. His efficient deputy in that good work, John W. Poe, is the present sheriff, and no one can look at his daily figure, and square, honest face, without a feeling of greater security. He is a terror to criminals. Let no one remember then, against Lincoln County, her former bad record. She is now as law abiding, as any county in the west.

But the immense latent wealth within her borders is rapidly becoming appreciated. Deeds of record show that the El Paso & White Oaks R. R. Co., now the property of Gould and W. H. Harrison, has recently invested over twenty thousand dollars in coal lands immediately surrounding White Oaks; and the suspicion is well founded that the building of this railroad is delayed solely for the purpose of acquiring control of more coal lands. This fact should stimulate the efforts of the men behind the new enterprise, as the Albuquerque, White Oaks & Pecos Valley Railroad. That the road is here, has been demonstrated by thorough, expert investigation. It is all important to this latter road that it should acquire some of these valuable coal privileges, especially, if, as is very probable, it should be extended down the Pecos Valley into Texas, and on to the Gulf coast. No coal will be found on the line of this road after it strikes the Pecos river.

It is well known that speculation has long been rife as to the importance of a railroad connecting the Gulf of Mexico, with Denver, Utah and the great north-west. The inevitable course of such a road will be up the rich Pecos Valley. If the Albuquerque people are wise, they will push this scheme which they have projected with all possible energy. They will thus secure the co-operation of the capitalists who are already aware of the feasibility and coming wealth of such a road; they will insure the coming of this great artery of commerce to their city; and they will deserve and have the credit of making Albuquerque what her position seems almost to insure her, an important railroad center. It should not be forgotten that Lincoln County comprises nearly one fifth of the Territory of New Mexico, and that she is, therefore, almost as large as the state of New York. Her endowment with those resources which make the wealth of railroads, is simply wonderful, and is appreciated by none more than by those most thoroughly acquainted with her. The course of this road as projected, was either a

very busy piece, or a remarkable piece of foresight. It not only runs for nearly three hundred miles, in the County, it penetrates nearly the entire length of her miles and half of one hundred by thirty miles. While doing this, it goes through the noted coal fields of White Oaks, and opens up the pine forests of the mountains, and ranges, and the little streams that feed the Pecos River. And then in following the Pecos River, it is in the midst of a grazing country, hardly second to that of the Arkansas River, and of an agricultural valley, equal to that of the Rio Grande. Such a road will, in one sense, make Lincoln County, but Lincoln County will, in return, make a very wealthy railroad; and the two will be of immense advantage to Albuquerque. God speed to the Albuquerque, White Oaks & Pecos Valley Railroad!

The streams that feed the Pecos from the west, are formed by the watershed of the eastern slope of the mountain ranges that contain the mineral, and whose foothills are covered with the pine forests. The principal ones are the Rio Bonito, the Rio Hondo, the Rio Ruidoso, Eagle Creek, and the Pecos. These are being rapidly settled up by small farmers, herders, and drift miners who cultivate little gardens and patches. On account of the rapid fall, irrigation is easy, and the soil remarkably fertile. All garden products grow luxuriantly. The Rio Bonito has, this season, and had White Oaks with potatoes as large as a man's two fists. Fish and game of all kinds abound.

The principal mountain ranges are the Gallinas, where a smelter has been erected; the Jicarillas, where placer gold; the mountains surrounding White Oaks, are Baxter, Bonanza and Carizo, where two coal mines are in operation; the Moguls, which now boast of a gold mine, and the long White Mountain range, the lower end of which is taken up by the Mesquite to Apache Reservation. This last upon its surface includes an area of 25,000 miles of the very best timber and best watered section of Lincoln County. This ought to be wiped out, and the Indians "removed"—perhaps after the fashion of the M. M. Graham. Last but not least, the Pecos valley has no less than 100 miles of coal and railroad. The Pecos valley has no less than 100 miles of coal and railroad.

Saxists are given to overdoing it, and thus they impede material progress. Their latest contrivance is in petitioning that the remains of the immortal Shakespeare be exhumed in order that his skull be compared with those of other illustrious savants. As is well known, Shakespeare has been mortally defunct for such a long period of time that all that was of him in the flesh and bone must have long since returned to mother dust, and however well formed his cranium might have been in life, one might as well exhumate the remains of Oscar Wilde a century hence to compare his size and build with that of some other dude, as to compare at this day the skull of Shakespeare with that of Adam, or other celebrity who had passed away from earth B. C. or A. D. It is said that over his tomb in Stratford, where he was buried in 1616, the following inscription confronts the visitor, and written by the deceased while in life:

"Good friend, for Jesus sake forbear To dig the dust enclosed here: Best be ye man yt spares these stones, And cures't be he yt moves my bones."

### THE LAST KING.

"Hush," in the last Harper, father the following excellent article, which if read reflectively cannot fail to strike a sympathetic chord in the heart of every man and woman who thus peruses it:

"Dear wife, do you always kiss him and say 'good-bye,' when your husband leaves you at the door and goes to his daily toil?—Perhaps not. You may think that you have enough household duties to engross your mind without this extra to your already large list. Let me say a word to you: Do not catalogue such an incident as a task, but rather let it be a diversion and you may never see him again until he is brought home on a stretcher, and in the cold embrace of death. How you would shrink from yourself had you refused to kiss him 'good-bye' upon that fatal morning. Husbands, I know, are often stoical, and little given to petty demonstrations of love, but do not be deceived, they do not forget the 'good-bye' kiss throughout the livelong day. It goes ringing through their brain when they are scarcely half aware of it. It smooths the rugged edges of many vexations in the vicissitudes of this commonplace life. The husband feels an indescribable joy, he cannot tell exactly why or what it is, but as he nears the portals of his home, and the patter of childish feet, and a merry shout from a tow-headed cherub greets him, he feels that dear mamma is not far off, a waiting, as he hopes, a lordly kiss. If this little reminder of affection is withheld at parting it often causes husbands to wonder why they feel so blue, and they say to themselves, 'Surely something has gone awry in my better temper.'—All husbands notice these little dew drops in the oasis of this desert life, although I confess but few of them pretend to take cognizance of it. From the flying chaff of busy life falls that golden grain—the parting kiss.

The above reminds us of an incident which we cannot refrain from relating. Several of our eastern friends, as also some of our local readers, will remember Geo. P. Eaton, as a banker in Oklahoma, or Nebraska, and who eventually embarked in the lumber business in Virginia. He accompanied with his wife they knew an emigrant train. In 1877 we were his guest at Norfolk, Va., and on the evening before our contemplated departure he was stricken down by apoplexy, and died. His dying wish, when he recovered from the shock incident to her husband's death, told us that it had been their habit to take a daily, clandestine kiss at each parting, but that on the day of his death, there being quite a party at dinner she failed indulging in her usual lip-and-soul dessert. Her regret was poignant, and probably continues with her still. Love is subtle, and what might appear to those not inoculated as trivial or foolish, freights a heart and loads a soul to overflowing. Our Savior was betrayed by a kiss—many kisses are empty or deceitful, but when two loving mouths meet in sincere affection the ecstatic delectation lasts until repeated, crowds out of the breast all alloy, and elevates man and woman nearer their God, whose chief attribute is Love.

FRANK JAMES, who every man, woman and child in the U. S., knows to be a red handed murderer, has been tried in Missouri, and acquitted, which is just as we expected. After another farce or two with James and the courts of Mo., Minnesota will call for him, and Gov. Chittenden will refuse to honor the requisition,—so Justice will have to wait until the devil in F. J. dies, and the devil in hell gets hold of his murderous soul.

### LINCOLN COUNTY, N. M.

#### Mining, Stock, Agricultural Interests

[Under the above heading we propose publishing weekly reports from the various sections of Lincoln County, touching the several interests indicated, and with that view solicit correspondence from every camp, range, and agricultural section in the county. If correspondence be not to shape we will shape it. Facts are what we want.]

#### BONITO JOYS

This week we had the pleasure of meeting a gentleman from the Bonito who informs us that mining operations in that section are progressing vigorously.

The "Renown," is under the management of Mr. Dickson and a tunnel to cut the main lead is being shoved forward with all possible dispatch.

The "Chinaman," is being pushed forward by C. A. Teart, who is sinking a shaft, and has about half of his sixty foot contract finished.

The "Rose" and other claims there are also being developed.

#### RED CLOUD JOTTINGS.

RED CLOUD MINING DIST.,  
Gallinas Mts. Lincoln Co.,  
Sept. 8, 1883.

The regular quarterly meeting of this district was held last night. In the absence of the President, Mr. J. W. Thompson was called to the chair. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved of. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the 7th of December next, when the annual election of officers will take place.

Considerable opposition has been raised against the working of the organization, but as it has chiefly emanated from the non-progressive element, little notice has been taken of it. It is asserted by these oppositionists that the law requiring \$50 worth of work to be performed within ninety days of the date of location, is illegal, being in conflict with the laws of the United States. We would like to have an expression of opinion on this subject.

The best laid schemes of mice and men Go awry all the time.  
We were immensely jubilant in our last letter, at the seeming near prospect of shipping bullion. That pleasant possibility must now be prolonged for week or two yet.

A slight mishap accidentally befel the waterjacket, which has necessitated a delay of 10 days in starting the smelter.

Clark has struck it big on the Buckhorn; after six weeks intelligent prospecting, encountering many obstacles and hard rock, he has uncovered a vein of copper glance and galena over two feet in width. He is deserving of this good luck, and we congratulate him.

O. D. Kelsey and Nat Sutton, two of the "Tenderfoot" owners, are in camp this week hobnobbing with the boys. Kelsey says it would be hard to beat the hash served up at the Little Mack mine, at White Oaks, and it can be seen at a glance that he has been there. It is whispered that Nat—well, we won't give it away.

Messrs. Gorton & Mann have been doing some assessment work on the Southern Belle, for J. B. Holton. She looks 'way up.

Sam Beard is hauling charcoal to the smelter.

John McMarchy is working on the Deadwood.

If we are not shipping bullion in two weeks, it will not be Dr. Smith or Mr. Taylor's fault.

### LINCOLN LACONICS.

Lincoln Sep. 11th. Everything is quiet, in and around the shire-town, and the countenances of our good people would indicate that everybody is satisfied. We have had abundance of rain in most localities, giving the assurance of a good hay and corn crop, the staple sources of wealth to our farming people. Cattle are in splendid condition, and notwithstanding rumor, the price is still maintained, a cow with a calf at her side readily commanding \$30. The contemplated letting by the Quartermaster's department of the army, of large hay and grain contracts, assure us that both hay and grain will find ready market at remunerative figures. Our horticulturists report fine crops of "garden sass," such as cabbage, potatoes, and onions on the Ruidoso, Eagle Creek and Peñasco. Our people are not much troubled over mining excitements, though they read with kindly interest the glowing accounts of rich finds and fine progress in your camp. Down this way we bank a good deal on cattle, and while our horned possessions carry out the motto of one of the original *croscit, et multiplicamini*, we won't kick. Ranches command a high price, and are secured as soon as offered. Our county ranks second in cattle in the Territory, Colfax being first, and the Lincoln County Cattle Association owns more cattle than any county in the Territory, save Colfax. The report of our Territorial auditor shows Lincoln County occupying an enviable position in the march of progress and prosperity. Our taxes are lower this year and our county paper is going up to face value.

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#### UPPER PEÑASCO.

August 18th, a school meeting was held at Upper Peñasco, precinct No. 9. The meeting was called to order by electing S. S. Kingman, Chairman, and F. F. Behringer, Secretary.

W. C. Warren moved the election of John Mayhill, J. W. Cartie, and F. A. Wilkinson, as Trustees, with Mr. Mayhill as Chairman of the Board, which was done.

Mr. John James offered to donate land above his ditch for a school house. A motion to accept the same was carried.

After discussion it was, on motion of John James, decided to build the school house 18x20, with one door and three windows.

Mr. Eakers, was, on motion of E. W. Keene, empowered to make out a bill for the lumber and furniture.

It was agreed that on Sept. 3rd, all interested would erect the house. Moved that the proceedings be published in both county papers. Adjourned.

S. S. KINGMAN, Chm.

F. BEHRINGER, Sec.

The Duke De Chambord is dead. He was King of France for twelve days, and by his death the line of Bourbons in France is extinct. There are several Bourbons left in this country, however, but that one of them will ever again reign as the representative of the American people in the White House, even for twelve days, is as much to be doubted as dreamed.

Joe. Coxons left yesterday, for Eagle Creek. He says there is more money in potatoes than in gold.